

**Co-sponsorship LA County Infrastructure
Summit**

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Attention: Mark A. Pisano, Executive Director
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Request to Co-Sponsor the February 12, 2003 Los Angeles County Infrastructure Summit

Dear Mr. Pisano:

As you know, in 2001 the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) released its national "Report Card" on the condition of our country's infrastructure. Twelve infrastructure categories were rated with a resulting average grade of D+ and an identified investment need of \$1.3 trillion. The primary purpose of that effort was to raise public awareness of the critical problems now being faced by municipal, county and state governments nationwide.

In follow-up to the National Report Card, the ASCE Los Angeles Section has taken the lead in preparing a similar report card on the condition of infrastructure in Los Angeles County. The results of our work will be unveiled at an Infrastructure Summit to be held at the University of Southern California on February 12, 2003.

Similar to the national effort, we will be assigning grades for the following categories: streets and highways, bridges, transit, aviation, drinking water, wastewater, dams and debris basins, solid waste, parks, flood control, urban runoff and ports. Experts from both the public and private sector have been hard at work for the past year evaluating the condition of our County's infrastructure in these twelve categories. Several key organizations have also joined the effort as co-sponsors including the American Public Works Association's Southern California Chapter, California Rebuild America Coalition, California Policy Reform Network, Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation and the University of Southern California's Keston Infrastructure Institute. Within the past few days, a number of other organizations have also indicated interest in co-sponsoring the upcoming summit at USC.

A quick review of the previously referenced infrastructure categories leads one to the realization that the Southern California Associations of Government is tasked with the planning and development of many of these key infrastructure elements. With that in mind, we are asking you to consider joining the growing list of co-sponsors for the upcoming infrastructure summit at USC. Won't you please take this important step on the road to revitalizing our County's infrastructure?

Sincerely,

Harvey R. Gobas, PE
President, Los Angeles Section

